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DCR TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR MOORING LOTTERY

60 mooring spots for small boats available in the Charles River Basin

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will begin accepting applications on Thursday, March 20, for a May 2 lottery to award 60 public moorings in the Charles River just downstream of the Longfellow Bridge on the Cambridge side.

The moorings, between the First Street Landing and Poorman's Landing, are available for private pleasure boats up to 35 feet long. No commercial boats or boats for hire are allowed. Boat owners will be charged \$6 per linear foot of their boat for the season, and will be responsible for obtaining and installing an appropriate, Coast Guard-approved, mooring. A small dinghy dock is available for use by boat owners who have one of the DCR moorings.

The deadline to apply for the lottery is May 1. Applicants must include a copy of a valid and current Massachusetts boat registration for the boat to be moored. The mooring season runs May 15-November 13, and moorings must be removed at the boat owner's expense by November 14.

Applications for the 2008 moorings lottery can be obtained by calling DCR offices at 617-626-1416. Applications also can be picked up in person at 251 Causeway Street, Boston, 8th floor, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Completed applications should be sent to Lieutenant Jared Waitt, DCR Park Ranger Marine Unit, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114.

Candidates will be notified by phone within ten days after the lottery as to the status of their application.

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